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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

AGENDA

December 17, 2009

Beginning at 7:30 p.m.

City Hall, Rm 209

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1. **46 Allen Ave. –Beethoven Brook-NOI – DPW** Maintenance on clogged pipe was followed by excavation of stream channel, then placement of concrete blocks along sides of stream and rip-rap altered stream bank character;
2. **CSX Vegetation Management Plan RDA continued** – ROW spraying of herbicides in riverfront and buffer to bank of the Charles River, in bordering vegetated wetlands, and possibly floodzone, and in an area proximal to a public drinking water supply. Awaiting site visit to confirm wetland resource area(s);
3. **134 Vine St., RDA continued**– for plantings and alteration of vegetation in the 100 ft buffer to bordering vegetated wetland. Awaiting revised planting plan;
4. **Charles River Lower Falls Bridge (P40) – NOI** rescheduled -Bridge conversion to pedestrian use & path construction –DCR proposes to convert rail bed/trestle bridge over the Charles to pedestrian use and construct ~ 300 ft of stone dust pathway, ~200 ft of which will be in riverfront;
5. **296 Islington Rd. – RDA** – Second floor addition and expansion of roof area while “winterizing” screened porch in riverfront to the Charles River and within 100 ft buffer to bank;
6. **Environmental Science Club-David Backer** re financial matters in 2010 and request for waiver.

Violations --Updates:

35 Kingswood Rd. – alteration of bank of Charles – restoration area planted with 20 new lowbush blueberry bushes. Will re-check spring of 2010;

15 Harwich Rd. –Violation –Have asked DEP to assist; nothing new.

34 Farwell St. – Violation – Received complaint; Assessor’s check found new house and storage sheds since 2000/2001 with no permits. Buildings are in riverfront and partly on DCR property.

46 Farwell St. – Violation – update.

Certificates of Compliance

214 Concord St. - As-built and certification letter received. Some changes, but increase in work area offset by removal of asphalt at side of house. Asked owner to come and discuss changes.

64 Kingswood Rd. – OOC expired in 2006. As-built and certification letter received.

296 Islington Rd. – OOC expired in 2002. As-built and certification letter received.

Announcements & General Business:

Management Plan – Dec. 7th meeting report.

Open Space Plan – considerations and member to work on committee and with Conservators?

November 19th, 2009 Meeting Minutes for approval

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Outstanding issues – discussion

Performance Bonds – in light of MACC newsletter article – R. Matthews to consult with DEP re legality of bonds with no wetland ordinance and if offered by applicant and not required by CC.

Non-criminal ticketing – must be re-written.

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